

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace paragraph [0012] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0012] In still another preferred form of the present invention, the fine particles of the carbon has a ~~turbostratic~~-turbostratic structure. The fine particles of the carbon having the ~~turbostratic~~turbostratic structure exhibit a high degree of fluidity, for thereby assuring a high degree of dispersion in the metal hydroxide.

Please replace paragraph [0025] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0025] As the fine particles of the carbon to be mixed with the collected metal hydroxide, so-called carbon black in a powder form is used. The carbon black used in the present method has a primary grain size of about 1-50nm, exhibits a high degree of fluidity, and has a ~~turbostratic~~-turbostratic structure of the carbon. Such carbon black exhibits a good dispersion property in water, and is likely to be oxidized into CO₂. In other words, the carbon black can be easily burnt out. In view of the dispersion property, the powdery carbon black rather than the granular carbon black is preferably used.